

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 7, and 22-23 are pending. Claims 2, 4-6, 8-21, and 24-25 are canceled. In this Amendment, Applicant has amended claim 1 and canceled claims 2, 8-10, 13-17, 19-21, and 24-25 from further consideration in this application. Applicant is not conceding that the subject matter encompassed by claims 2, 8-10, 13-17, 19-21, and 24-25 prior to this Amendment is not patentable over the art cited by the Examiner. Claim 1 was amended and claims 2, 8-10, 13-17, 19-21, and 24-25 were canceled in this Amendment solely to facilitate expeditious prosecution.

Applicant respectfully reserves the right to pursue claims, including the subject matter encompassed by claims 1-2, 8-10, 13-17, 19-21, and 24-25 as presented prior to this Amendment and additional claims in one or more continuing applications.

Amendments to the claims

The amendment does not add new matter so Applicant respectfully requests that the amendments be entered.

Amendments to the specification

The amendments to the Specification are formal amendments to conform the Summary and Abstract to the amended claims.

CONCLUSION

In light of the accompanying remarks, Applicant believes that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Thus, Applicant requests that pending claims be allowed, and the application advance toward issuance.

No fee is believed due with this paper. However, if any fee is determined to be required, the Office is authorized to charge Deposit Account 50-0563 for any such required fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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